



Mission: To uncover new knowledge...  
...that will lead to better health for everyone;  
...to help prevent, detect, diagnose, and treat  
disease and disability.



# NIH BIOENGINEERING CONSORTIUM (BECON)



- Initiated in February 1997 by Office of the Director, NIH
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Imaging and Bioengineering
- Aimed at facilitating development of bioengineering and fostering intra-NIH and inter-agency cooperation
- Multi-agency membership. Members consist of senior-level representatives from NIH institutes, offices and centers and other federal agencies

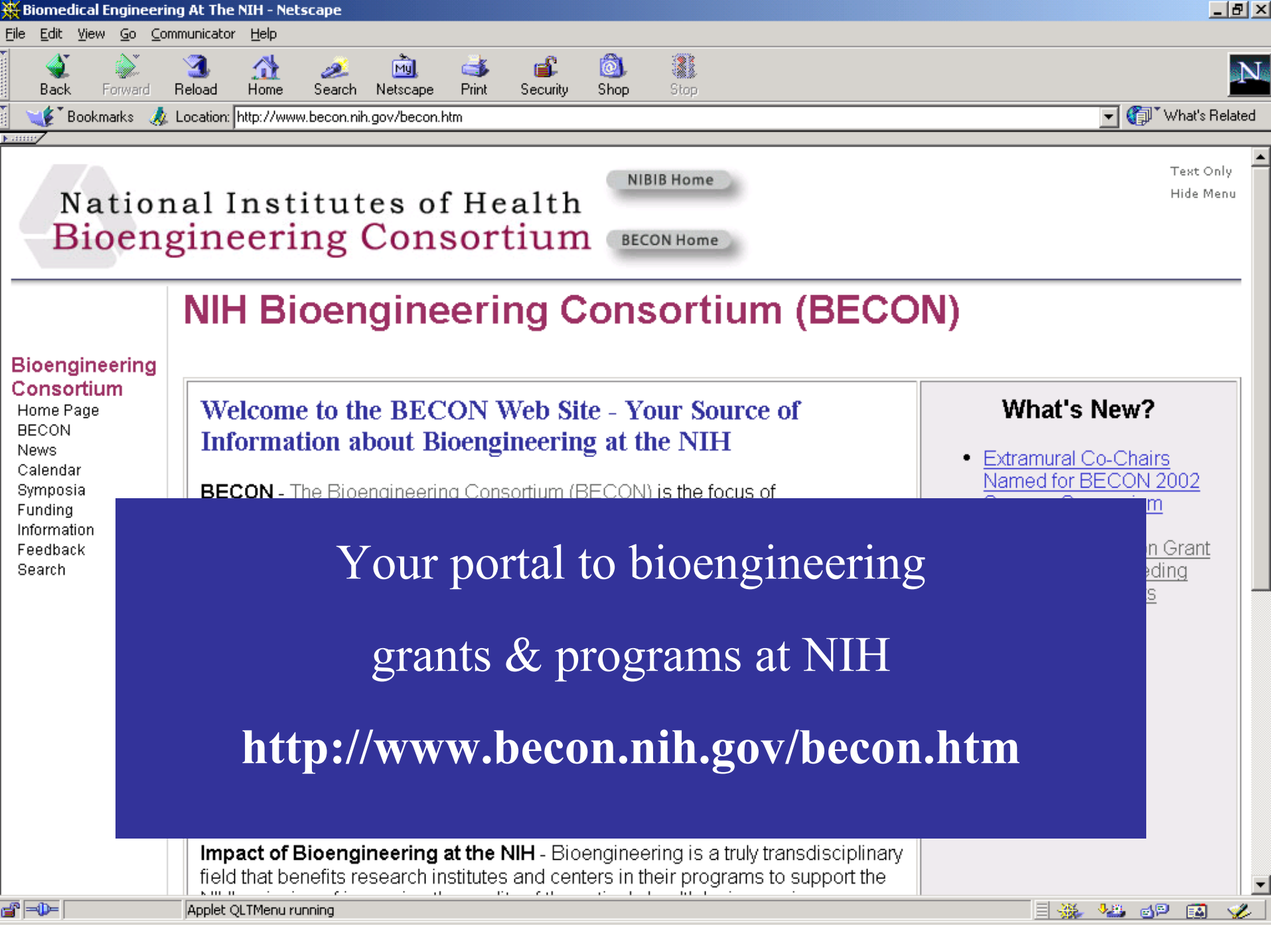


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Information about Bioengineering at the NIH

**BECON** - The Bioengineering Consortium (BECON) is the focus of

### What's New?

- [Extramural Co-Chairs  
Named for BECON 2002](#)

Your portal to bioengineering  
grants & programs at NIH

<http://www.becon.nih.gov/becon.htm>

**Impact of Bioengineering at the NIH** - Bioengineering is a truly transdisciplinary field that benefits research institutes and centers in their programs to support the



# NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering

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## What's New?

- [First NIBIB Research RFA's Announced](#)
- [BECON 2002 Symposium Web site Released - Online Registration is Now Available](#)

The National Institute for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB) is the newest of the research institutes at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The NIBIB is authorized by law H.R. 1795 ([P.L. 106-580](#)) which was signed by President William Clinton on December 29, 2000.

The mission of the NIBIB is to "improve health by promoting fundamental discoveries, design and development, and translation and assessment of technological capabilities. The Institute coordinates with biomedical imaging and bioengineering programs of other agencies and NIH institutes to support imaging and engineering research with potential medical applications and facilitates the transfer of such technologies to medical applications."

This Web site contains information on all aspects of the NIBIB including organization and



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## **BECON Symposia: Guiding the Science, Guiding the Programs**

<b>Bioengineering:</b>	February 27-28, 1998
Building the Future of Biology and Medicine	
<b>Biomedical Imaging:</b>	June 25-26, 1999
Visualizing the Future of Biology and Medicine	
<b>Nanoscience and Nanotechnology:</b>	June 25-26, 2000
Shaping Biomedical Research	
<b>Reparative Medicine:</b>	June 25-26, 2001
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## **BECON 2002: Sensors for Biological Research and Medicine**

June 24-25, 2002

Natcher Conference Center  
National Institutes of Health  
Bethesda, Maryland

# Welcome

"Sensors for Biological Research and Medicine" promises to be an informative, dynamic, and valuable meeting. Building on the success of four previous BECON symposia, the 2002 symposium will convene physical scientists, engineers, and biomedical scientists and clinicians from academia, industry, and federal agencies to describe the state of the art, determine future needs and directions, and advise the NIH about ways to stimulate the field. Focus areas include medical, biological, and environmental research and applications.

Please visit this Web site frequently for updates on program topics, speakers, panelists, poster sessions, and more.





# BIOENGINEERING RESEARCH SUPPORT AT NIH



## Bioengineering Research Grants

- For basic and applied multi-disciplinary research that addresses important biological or medical research problems.
- Hypothesis-driven, discovery-driven, developmental, or design-directed research.
- Multi-disciplinary research performed in a single laboratory or by a small number of investigators that applies an integrative, systems approach to develop knowledge and/or methods to prevent, detect, diagnose, or treat disease or to understand health and behavior.
- Research Project (R01) mechanism
- Applications Receipt: February 1, June 1, and October 1
- <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-02-011.html>





# BIOENGINEERING RESEARCH SUPPORT AT NIH



Bioengineering Research Grants  
>105 funded since FY 99

<http://www.becon2.nih.gov/Funded/BRG01.pdf>

94. **PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: VIGNERON, DANIEL**  
**AFFILIATION:** UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO  
**PROJECT TITLE:** 3D MR SPECTROSCOPIC IMAGING OF THE NEWBORN  
BRAIN  
**GRANT NUMBER:** 3R01NS040117-01A1S1
95. **PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: VOHRA, YOGESH**  
**AFFILIATION:** UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM  
**PROJECT TITLE:** NANOCRYSTALLINE COATINGS FOR DENTAL TMJ  
IMPLANTS  
**GRANT NUMBER:** 1R01DE013952-01A1
96. **PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: VORP, DAVID**  
**AFFILIATION:** UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT PITTSBURGH  
**PROJECT TITLE:** BIOMECHANICAL EVALUATION OF ABDOMINAL  
AORTIC ANEURYSM  
**GRANT NUMBER:** 1R01HL060670-01A2
97. **PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: VORP, DAVID**  
**AFFILIATION:** UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT PITTSBURGH  
**PROJECT TITLE:** BIOMECHANICAL PRECONDITIONING OF HUMAN VEIN  
GRAFTS  
**GRANT NUMBER:** 5R01HL065745-02
98. **PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: WANG, KENNETH**  
**AFFILIATION:** MAYO CLINIC ROCHESTER  
**PROJECT TITLE:** A NOVEL TECHNIQUE FOR SCREENING BARRETT'S  
ESOPHAGUS  
**GRANT NUMBER:** 5R01CA085992-02



# BIOENGINEERING RESEARCH SUPPORT AT NIH



## Bioengineering Research Partnerships

- For basic and applied research by a multi-disciplinary team applying an integrative, systems approach to develop knowledge and/or methods to prevent, detect, diagnose, or treat disease or to understand health and behavior.
- Partnership must include bioengineering expertise and basic and/or clinical expertise.
- Maximum request = \$2M per year for five years
- Need approval > 6 wks before submission if request > \$500,000 direct cost
- Research Project (R01) mechanism
- Application receipt: January 24, 2002, and August 12, 2002
- <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-02-010.html>



# BIOENGINEERING RESEARCH SUPPORT AT NIH



Bioengineering Research Partnerships  
>60 funded since FY 99

<http://www.becon2.nih.gov/Funded/BRP01.pdf>

**26. Principal Investigator: Langer, Robert**

**Affiliation:** Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Title:** Microchip Drug Delivery System

**Application Number:** AI47739

**Funding Organization:** NIAID

**Abstract:**

The method by which a drug is delivered can have a significant effect on the drug's therapeutic efficacy. Controlled drug delivery can alleviate problems associated with conventional therapy by providing stable drug bioavailability in a therapeutically meaningful range and can be used to localize the therapy to the tissue site of interest. Recent studies have shown that it is possible to fabricate a solid-state silicon microchip in which a number of chemicals or drugs can be stored and released on demand by an external trigger. Based on this technology, it should be possible to fabricate a device that can be pre-programmed to deliver combination drugs in a pre-determined fashion. This novel delivery technology has broad utility in the biomedical areas of local delivery of anesthetics for pain management, sub-dermal delivery of vaccines, periodontal delivery of antibiotic and anti-inflammatory agents, localized delivery of anti-tumor and neoplastic agents, gene delivery, and delivery of antiarrhythmic agents. The objectives of this proposal are to (1) develop an active, silicon-based microchip for controlled release of drugs that can operate autonomously; (2) develop a passive, polymeric chip for the controlled release of drugs; (3) evaluate the biocompatibility of active and passive microchip delivery devices; and (4) evaluate the resulting drug release both in vivo and in vitro.

**27. Principal Investigator: Levine, Simon**

**Affiliation:** University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

**Title:** Direct Brain Interface Based on Event Detection in ECOG

**Application Number:** NS040681

**Funding Organization:** NINDS

**Abstract:**

A number of people with physical disabilities have difficulty performing any physical movement and would benefit from a direct brain interface, an interface that accepts commands directly from the brain. The University of Michigan Direct Brain Interface (UMDBI) research partnership is a collaboration which includes the Departments of Biomedical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Neurology, Surgery and Radiology from the University of Michigan; the Departments of Neurology from the Henry Ford Hospital, and the Institute of Biomedical Engineering from the Technical University Graz. These partners propose to address the functional evaluation of a direct brain interface and the optimization of detection methods



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## Mentored Quantitative Research Career Development (K25)

- For junior faculty in physical/mathematical and engineering disciplines to engage in supervised study & research leading to increased competence to perform behavioral and biomedical research.
- PI's on NIH grants are not eligible
- Up to five years of support, \$75,000 salary, \$40,000 supplies/personnel/travel/tuition
- Requires commitment of 75% of effort
- Application Receipt: February 1, June 1, and October 1
- <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-99-087.html>



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

GRANT APPLICATION

PHS 398 (REVISED May 2001) - Updated: 01/25/2002 ([see below](#))

## Specific Aims

List the broad, long-term objectives and what the specific research proposed in this application is intended to accomplish, e.g., [to test a stated hypothesis, create a novel design, solve a specific problem, or develop new technology](#). One page is recommended.



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